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Alabama Student WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP for Microsoft PowerPoint  
Graduate of Alabama’s Geraldine High School Wins Microsoft International Championship

Montgomery, Ala. – It has been officially announced that Seth Maddox has been named the 2019 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) World-International Champion in Microsoft PowerPoint 2016.

Maddox, who recently graduated from Geraldine High School, traveled to New York last week. He competed against top finalists from across the globe, and won the overall top international award in the Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 competition!

This year’s Microsoft Office Specialist World Champions are:

**Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**
- First place, Seth Maddox, USA
- Second place, Ondrej Cach, Czech Republic
- Third place, Adrian Muntean, Romania

**Microsoft Word 2013**
- First place, Li-Ting Wang, Taiwan
- Second place, Pak Ming Yip, Hong Kong
- Third place, Hoi Chon Tam, Macau

**Microsoft Word 2016**
- First place, Adrian Boier, Romania
- Second place, Pou Leng Ho, Macau
- Third place, Aryan Trehan, India

**Microsoft PowerPoint 2013**
- First place, Kyriakos Chatziefthymiadis, Greece
- Second place, Ana Marija Atanasovska, Republic of North Macedonia
- Third place, Ashlyn Dumaw, USA

**Microsoft Excel 2013**
- First place, Chi Kin Che, Macau
- Second place, Fariz Firdausi, USA
- Third place, Anh Tran Hoang, Vietnam
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Microsoft Excel 2016

- First place, Mihaela Florea, Romania
- Second place, Kitithat Khemsom, Thailand
- Third place, Tarik Đžambić, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Now in its 18th year, the Certiport Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship competition attracted more than 850,000 participants from 119 countries.

Students, ages 13 to 22, competed with peers to showcase their Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint skills in one of the most popular technology competitions in the world. This event has been endorsed by Microsoft since its inception in 2002.

To enter the competition, students took a qualifying Microsoft Office Specialist certification exam to demonstrate their mastery of Microsoft Office technology. Regional competitions were held worldwide and 155 student finalists from 50 countries qualified to compete in the final round of competition in New York, on July 28-31, 2019.

Seth Maddox is set to study Computer Engineering at Auburn University in the Fall, and he plans to use the skills that he has gained from earning five professional Microsoft Office Specialist certifications. He is already putting his great PowerPoint skills to professional use and often shows congregation messages at church youth group services too.

“Every year we look forward to recognizing these students who have worked so hard to master Microsoft Office,” said Ray Murray, Vice President and General Manager – IT, Pearson VUE. “They are young, but they are mastering the skills that employers need in the workplace. We look forward to getting to know Seth and watching him strive for greatness both at the World Championship and in college and career.”

Well-known event sponsor, Certiport is a leading provider of curriculum and performance-based IT certification exams that focus on academic and career development for learners.

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